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Weather for Ohio—Partly cloudy to night, warmer in eastern and south. ern portions, snow or rain in north. ern portion, Sunday rain or snow.

friends of Harry Thaw would be able to establish his insanity before the trial of the case is even begun.

If Murphy and McClellan really fall out and each tells what he knows about the other, what a fog will raise over New York.

Affairs of honor are coming into vogue again in France. What a pity American heiresses who have married titled Frenchmen are barred from the field of honor.

As yet we have heard no expressions of regret over a Mississippi negro being hanged after his sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment.

If the London editors prediction be true that England would side with Japan in a war between the United States and Japan, be true, Uncle Sam would have to thrash both countries at the same time, Dreadnaught and all.

The pathway of the railroad companies is not strewn with roses, by any means these days. The government is after the companies for rebating and violating the anti-trust laws and now the employees in all departments are ready to ask for more pay and fewer hours.

Kaiser Wilhelm and Crown Prince Frederick William are not on speaking terms and have not been since the colonial policy caused the dissolution of the Reichstag. Another instance of politics turning brother against brother and father against son.

Emperor William of Germany is strengthening his personal guard, patterning after Czar Nicholas. He took lessons from Nicholas on the proper manner to dissolve a legislature, and now he follows his style of protecting himself after he has accomplished the dissolution.

It seems to be almost as difficult to locate and capture Raisuli, the noted Moroccan bandit, as it was to capture Stensland, the noted Chicago banker. One day the bandit chieftain is in prison and the next day he and his band have made another raid.

Herman Belek, the Chicago man who is accused of having poisoned a whole family says he did not administer the poison but that he knows who did it. That ought to settle it. President Roosevelt's plan would be to hang him if he does not tell who is the guilty person.

It begins to look as though Senator Foraker would lose his fight against the president over the Brownsville affair. Foraker may make a speech Monday when the question comes up for final action, like the one he made at the Dayton convention and carry the senate with his oratory where he would be unable to move it with his logic.

Assistant Attorney General Purdy may be able to uncover some facts

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at Brownsville which will show the identity of the men who were guilty of "shooting up" Brownsville". Reports say that he has found out some facts which indicate that a court martial of the officers of the twenty-fifth would not be out of place.

The Philippine commission has pointed out to congress the great injustice which is being done to the Filipinos by the operation of the high tariff rates which are being imposed upon their goods when they lay them down in the markets of the United States, the only country whose doors have been closed to them since the United States gained control of the islands and made the tariff rates apply to articles which are shipped into the islands.

Last summer, when President Roosevelt wrote that famous letter to Congressman Watson, of Indiana, when the cause of the republican party did not look very encouraging and he determined to come to its rescue, he said he hoped that the Philippine tariff bill would be reduced at the short session of congress. In his message to congress he reiterated the hope that the tariff rates which apply to the Filipinos would be amended, and now it remains to be seen what action congress will take. Some of the congressmen are pledged to vote against the measure, while others would like to vote for it but they are afraid of bringing on a general revision of the tariff, and they have a horror of fooling with that pet child of the republican party.

The tariff should be amended and that part of it which applies to the Filipinos should be amended first, for the sake of good morals, but there is a strong possibility that no relief will be afforded by the present congress.

THE FARMERS ON THE TELEPHONE

In the heat of passion, men who are contending for some principle which they believe to be right, are apt to lose sight of some things which are material to the case, and to forget that there are two sides to every question, and that every man has rights which should be respected.

Just now there is a controversy on between the farmers of some sections of the county and the Marion County Telephone company, and unless care is exercised, there is likely to be some jangling and jarring which may result in injury to both sides. The farmers wish to secure telephone service with the least outlay of money, and the telephone company wishes to secure as many subscribers as possible, and to do this it is necessary for it to make an outlay in money. In return for this outlay, the company has a right to expect some return for the investment.

The company is now supplying a large number of farmers with telephone service. The more 'phones which are connected with an exchange, the more valuable each 'phone becomes to the subscriber, for the simple reason that he can make a wider use of his telephone and the greater number of people can reach him. The company has been charging one dollar and fifty cents per month for this service and now the farmers have formed an organization and are making a fight for a reduction in the rentals to one dollar and twenty-five cents per month. They are using the argument that the farmers of some of the surrounding counties are securing 'phone service for fifteen dollars per year, and that if those companies can afford to put in telephones for that amount, the local company should be able to do as well.

Before jumping at a conclusion, it is always best to see where it will lead and to be sure of the consequences. There may be some conditions which would materially alter the circumstances and give the proposition a different aspect. The local company constructs the lines for the local farmers without one cent of expense to the patron and maintains the service, making all repairs upon the lines and instruments without the outlay of a single dollar upon his part. It might be well for the farmers who are opposed to the payment of the rental which is asked by the local company to make inquiry into the conditions which exist in these counties where rates are cheap. In some counties, the patrons of the telephone company who reside in the rural district, are required to pay a part of the cost of

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constructing the line, haul the poles and help set them and then when a phone is out of order, the renter must drive to town and take the repair man or "trouble shooter" to his home and return him to town. These are some of the things which in some localities go with cheap service. It is true that the patrons of the LaRue exchange pay only fifteen dollars per month, but a glance at the directory will show that they have only about thirty-five subscribers and for so small an exchange that is comparatively a high rate.

So far as the time of the payment of the rental is concerned, there should be no quarrel. Each subscriber must have signed a contract before his 'phone was installed. This contract stipulates the time at which payment of rentals shall be made, and the company should not attempt to adopt any other rule without submitting new contracts for signature. The patrons of telephones, when they live up to the conditions which are named in the contract, should have no further demands made upon them and should grant no other concessions than those stated in the contract.

As said before, the company is entitled to a reasonable profit from the business, but it should not seek to make an exorbitant income. If it can furnish telephone service for fifteen dollars a year, and make a good per cent, upon its investment, then it should not make a demand for eighteen dollars, and if it cannot make a reasonable per cent, upon a basis of less than eighteen dollars, it should not be asked to install telephones and furnish this service at a loss.

Representatives of the farmers' association should confer with representatives of the telephone company in an effort to come to an understanding and prevent a clash which will work an injury to both. Their interests are not antagonistic and nothing can be made by being at loggerheads. It is to be hoped that an agreement can be reached and that both will be satisfied to continue upon friendly relations.

ISSUES ARE NOW BEING DETERMINED.

There has been much speculation during the past two years as to what the issues upon which the two great political parties of the nation would fight the battle of 1908, but the question seems to be pretty thoroughly settled now. There is little hope of congress effecting a revision of the tariff either at the present session or at the one which will be held next year. If the tariff is not revised,

it is certain that it will continue to be an issue before the voters. The democrats have been seeking a revision of the rates for years and now they are being joined daily by republicans, who recognize that the high tariff rates are responsible for the gigantic trusts which have arisen and which are throttling all competition. Unless the republicans reduce the tariff rates, upon all trust made and trust controlled articles, it is certain that the reform republicans will vote with the democrats in the next national election.

Another thing which is rapidly being made an issue and which will undoubtedly be an issue within the next two years, is the question of states rights. Under the Roosevelt administration, there is a strong effort put forth to centralize the government at Washington, obliterating as nearly as possible the rights of the various states of the Union under the constitution. Secretary Root has come out in favor of wiping out the rights which the states claim and even President Roosevelt, while he does not openly admit that he is in favor of centralizing the government at Washington is conducting his administration in such a manner that it leads to the same thing. The old question of state rights, is one which has been a bone of contention ever since the federation of the states and it will prove a very perplexing question should it be made an issue in the coming campaign.

Judging from the manner in which things are going at Washington just now, there will be no trouble in finding an issue or a number of them upon which to conduct a political campaign.

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emphasizes what should be sufficient. ly clear already, that this is always the material of which mobs are composed. There, as everywhere, the absent element was conspicuous by its absence; a universal truth evidenced by the recent riots in Ohio as well as Georgia. The "leading citizens" who from time to time are reported to compose these aggregations of homicides exist only in the imagination of sensational correspondents.

A further fact, which illustrates the blindness as well as the savagery of all mobs appears from the statement that "not one of the rioters' victims was even remotely connected with any of the offenses charged against the colored race." In the entire list of twelve killed and seventy wounded, there was not a criminal and not even a vagrant. A negro was hunted and killed like a mad dog merely because he was a negro.

No more severe indictment was ever returned against any community, and it is doubly important from the fact that those who have so pitilessly revealed the wrong are also the ones in whose hands chiefly lies the remedy. Atlanta at length sees herself as others see her. It may foreshadow the adoption of that policy of exact justice to all, black as well as white, the lack of which is the root of the race evil. A public conscience so thoroughly aroused will hardly be come dormant until time shall have been given to judge the new policy by its fruits, in which will probably be found its complete justification.—Plain Dealer.

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HIGH SCHOOLERS DEFEAT GALION

Local Basketball Team Wins Game by 26 to 16 Score.

Sells and Strelitz Play Sensational Games for Marion While Orr Stars for Galion

The Marion High School Basketball team went to Galion Friday night where it encountered the High School team of that city in an interesting game. At the end of two twenty minute halves the score stood 26 to 16 in Marion's favor.

Marion's team was at its best and despite the fact that Galion's floor was about the size of a small sheep-shed and the ceiling so low that the ball could scarcely be passed higher than their heads, the boys managed in some manner to get about some and Sells and Strelitz succeeded in dropping a basket occasionally.

The Galion team was supported by a large crowd of enthusiastic rooters but that didn't win the game and their anticipated victory over Marion athletes, soon went glimmering. The feature of Galion's playing was throwing fouls, Orr securing nine. Following is the lineup:

MARION (26) GALION (16)
Sells L. F. Miser
Strelitz R. F. Marsh
Grills C. Orr
Ross L. G. Allen
Mouser R. G. Boyer

Summary—Baskets from field—Sells 4; Strelitz 3; Grills 1; Ross 1; Miser 1; Marsh 1; Boyer 1. Baskets from fouls—Sells 7; Orr 9; Awarded points 2. Referee alternating Douthitt of Marion, Hackett of Galion.

FORMER PASTOR

Returns Home After Pleasant Visit with Marion Friends

Rev. R. E. Carter, of North Lewisburg, formerly pastor of the Wesley M. E. Church, has returned to his home after a short visit with friends in the city. Rev. Carter went to Ashland where he attended the funeral of his brother Sylvester, which occurred there on Thursday. On Wednesday evening, Rev. Carter addressed a large congregation of his former parishioners at Wesley M. E. church.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Will Convene Monday Morning at the Court House.

All arrangements have been completed for the Marion County Farmers' institute which will convene for a two day's session on Monday at the court house, and from the interest that is being taken over the county it is expected that large crowds will attend.

The committee in charge of the institute has arranged an excellent program and addresses of value will be made by both state and local speakers of prominence.

NOTED MINING STOCK SWINDLER CAPTURED

After Being Fugitive for Three Years, R. C. Fowler, Who Swindled New Yorkers Out of Million Dollars is Landed by Philadelphia Police—Mining Stocks not His Only Method of Securing Money.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—R. C. Fowler, alias C. G. Dalney, who has been a fugitive from New York since 1903, where he is wanted to answer charges of grand larceny and swindling credulous investors out of about \$1,000,000, on alleged bogus mining operations, was arrested in this city yesterday by Detective Sergeant McConnell, of New York, and several local officers.

Fowler, who, the detectives say, is the most colossal mine swindler of the age, was captured in a room in one of the big office buildings in the

center of the city, where it developed he has been located for some time. Under the name of Prof. Oxford, the detectives say, he was seeking to secure more money from investors by representing that he had a wonderful chemical process, whereby he could make diamonds and other precious stones and a patent brick.

The arrest of Fowler ends a clever chase by the detectives and postal authorities. When he was taken into custody, he denied being the missing Dr. Fowler, but after being placed in a cell at the central station admitted his identity.

LOAN WAS REFUSED

Unknown Man Throws a Bomb Into Bank and Many Clerks are Injured.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 5.—A bomb which was thrown by an unidentified man, shortly before noon in the Fourth Street National Bank, killed W. Z. McLean, assistant cashier. The thrower of the bomb was himself injured, also about twenty clerks two of whom may die.

The bomb thrower had demanded a loan of \$5000 from President Rushon, and when this was refused, he hurled the deadly missile. A slight fire followed and the tenants in the building in which the bank is located fled from the office, but there were no casualties outside of the bank.

The police were quickly on hand, and placed the vaults and securities under a heavy guard.

SERIOUS EYE DISEASE

Half of Brooklyn's School Pupils are Suffering From Trachoma Says a Hospital Superintendent.

New York, Jan. 5.—Fully 50 per cent. of the public school pupils of Brooklyn are afflicted with eye trouble, according to Superintendent Bassett, of the Brooklyn Eye and Ear hospital. One third of these have trachoma, a disease, he insists, is spreading rapidly in other boroughs. Bassett advocates the building of special hospitals by the city for the treatment of trachoma victims, before the disease passes to the incurable stage.

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KENTUCKY REPUBLICAN PAPERS ARE FOR TAFT

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 5.—Republicans are becoming active in the interests of Secretary of War Taft for President. Eleven newspapers in the state are carrying the secretary's name at the head of their columns as the state's choice for president in 1908.

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COMMERCE IN MANCHURIA

Will be Discussed by Delegates to an International Conference at Peking.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Official confirmation was given to the report that the Chinese government has invited the United States, England, Germany, Russia and France to send delegates to an international conference, at Peking, to discuss the commercial future of Manchuria.

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MOHAMMED ALI MIRZA.

Mohammed Ali Mirza, heir apparent to the Persian throne, successor to Shah Muzaffer-ed-Din Mirza, has been in administrative life as governor of the province of Azerbaijan. He is thirty-four years old. It is stated by the Persian minister at Washington that Mohammed Ali will continue the policies laid down by Muzaffer-ed-Din, who about a year ago granted his people a share in the government and proclaimed a parliament which is to frame a constitution for the kingdom and which will meet annually. Up to last January Persia was an absolute despotism, like Russia and Turkey.